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For Craig McLean:

As we wrote yesterday to Neil Jacobs, even if his signature was not directly on the disastrous NOAA walk-back of your Birmingham office's wholly *accurate* refutation of Trump's fallacious tweet to the country -- a crime if done by any other citizen --the buck stops with *him* on this matter nevertheless.

We wake up every day further embarrassed by the current leadership of this once-admired nation, along with its attacks on our democracy and its abasing of our Constitution. Assailing scientific fact is a hallmark of this administration, but scientists bending to Trump's will, especially just to assuage his fragile ego, goes beyond mere political toadyism.

If, as NOAA's lead scientist, you do not stand up to this would-be autocrat and walk-back that ill-judged walk-back -- standing tall for science and the sake of reality -- then you and Jacobs are just enablers. History will not look kindly on this chapter of your career if you do not reflect on what your agency has done and then reverse it to do the right thing.

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